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SHAWNEE, KANSAS, MAN SENTENCED FOR TRAFFICKING IN COUNTERFEIT TRADEMARK MERCHANDISE

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Jerome D. Foote**, 55, Shawnee, Kansas, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Kathryn H. Vratil to **thirty-seven months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by three years of supervised release and was ordered to pay a fine of \$104,107.50 and perform 3,000 hours of community service.**

Foote was found guilty on August 14, 2002, following a six day jury trial and was sentenced today on one count of conspiracy to traffic in counterfeit trademark goods and one count of trafficking in counterfeit trademark goods.

Melgren said that according to court testimony, from January 1995 through October 2000 Foote conspired with others to intentionally traffic in more than \$200,000 in counterfeit goods. According to court testimony, Foote obtained goods such as purses, scarfs, watches, pens, shirts, and sunglasses from locations on the east and west coast of the United States and hired individuals to attach counterfeit marks to the goods including marks for Nautica, Guess, Nike, Rolex, Mont Blanc, Dooney & Bourke, Adidas, FILA, Tommy Hilfiger, Polo, Calvin Klein, and DKNY. Foote hired individuals to sell the goods with counterfeit marks from either his residence, a store front location called Replicas at 7922 Quivira Road, Lenexa, Kansas, or flea markets.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the FBI, the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Rask in this prosecution.